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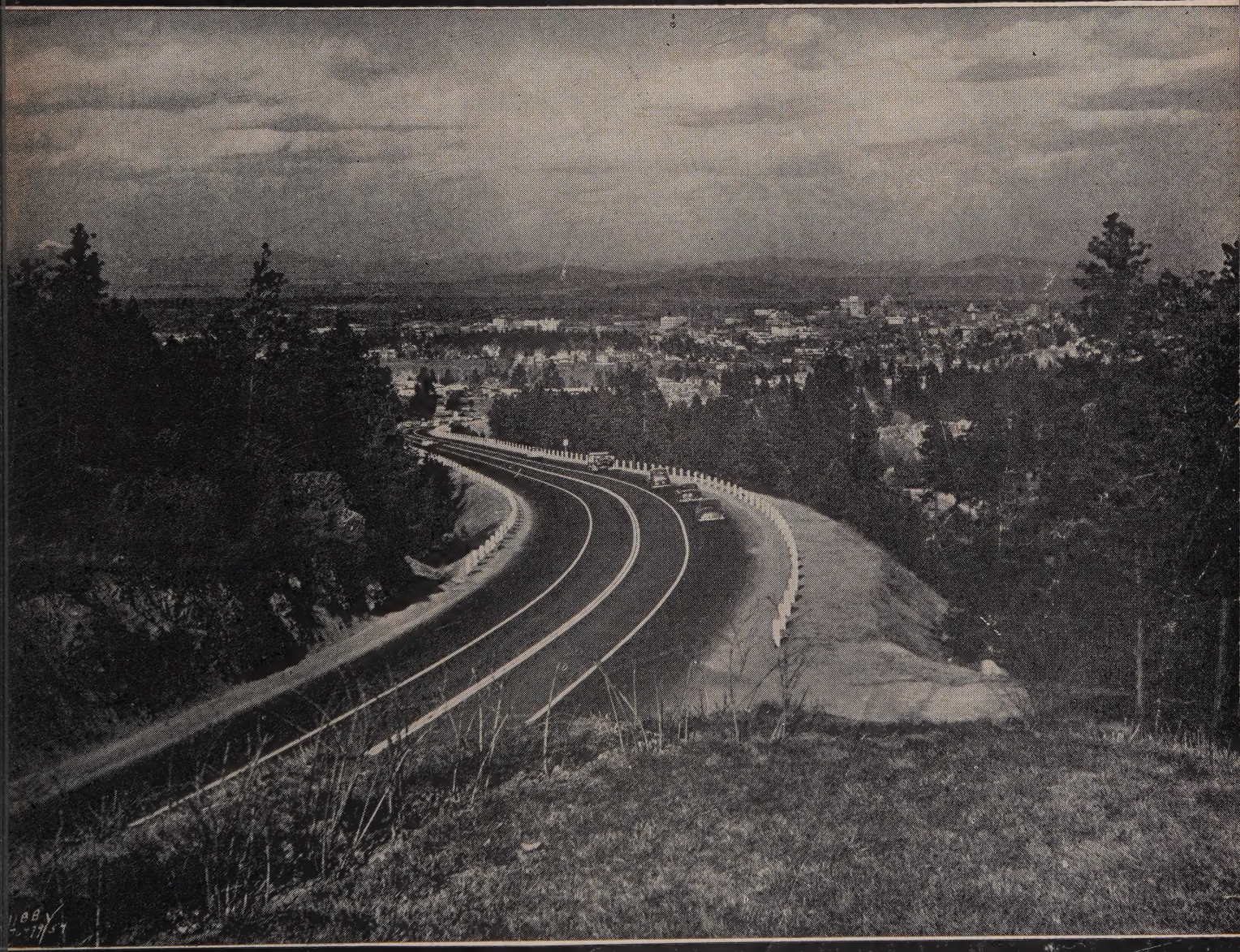

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6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Although August might be considered one of the slower months by way of activity, NAE staffers and the affiliated agencies are keeping busy. Here's what some of them will be doing and where they will be during the month.

▪ THE NATIONAL SUNDAY School Association, the Sunday School Commission of NAE, is settling down into a new building at 173-175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, after a July move from the rented quarters on Dearborn street. NSSA has purchased the building which is in the northwest corner of Chicago's Loop. They are now occupying the first floor of the four-story structure and have begun a remodeling schedule of the entire building.

The purchase price was not revealed, but DR. CLATE RISLEY, executive secretary, said that the entire project, when completed, would be about $125,000. Tentative plans are for dedication services on Sunday afternoon, September 13, according to REV. BERT WEBB, NSSA president.

▪ AFTER WORKING in a dual capacity (denominational executive secretary and editor of this magazine) for the past seven months, *Action's* editor will move to Wheaton late in August to take up full-time responsibilities with the magazine in the headquarter's office. Moving with him from Nashville, Tenn., where they have lived the past six years, will be the Mrs. and three little Mooneyhams—Gwen, Eric and Robin.

▪ BOTH THE EXECUTIVE director and secretary of public affairs, DR. GEORGE L. FORD and DR. CLYDE TAYLOR, will be at the Assembly of God convention which meets August 27-29 at San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Taylor will speak at a breakfast meeting on Saturday, August 29.

▪ THE FIRST WEEK IN August DR. FORD will be speaking at the LeTourneau Camp at Canandaigua, N. Y. The exact dates are August 4-8.

▪ IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING this engagement, DR. FORD will speak twice on Sunday, August 9, at the Ontario Bible Conference, Oswego, N. Y.

▪ DURING THIS SAME period and extending beyond (August 4-17), DR. TAYLOR will be on the program at the Inter-Varsity Student Conference. This conference will be held at the Missionary Training Camp, Cedarville, Michigan.

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President Eisenhower has emphatically gone on record as being opposed to any sort of religious prejudice which would "rule our choice of candidates and officials in this nation." He said that there is no reason why a Roman Catholic should not be elected President of the United States. He made the statement at his regular news conference in Washington in answer to a reporter's question. At the same time, the President said that he had "no opinion" whether a Catholic could be elected, or whether the thinking of the country has changed substantially since the Al Smith campaign of 1928.

Political observers are looking more closely at the much-talked-about changes in climate and opinion since 1928. Lessening of religious prejudice, sometimes taken as a foregone conclusion, can only be understood in light of changes in the means of expressing prejudice. Reduction in anti-Catholic statements, for instance, does not necessarily mean that non-Catholics have dropped all concern about electing a Catholic President.

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that Sunday Schools qualify for the excise tax exemption which was passed by Congress last session. Officers and teachers traveling to regional or national Sunday School conventions in behalf of their own Sunday School can save on transportation tax. A telephone for the exclusive use of the Sunday School (but not for the church) would also be exempt from federal tax, as would other items subject to excise tax purchased by the Sunday School.

The Federal Aviation Agency, charged with the responsibilities of air safety, has drafted a proposed rule which would eliminate any consumption of alcohol aboard domestic air carriers, other than the drinks served by the airlines. Temperance officials in Washington have seen this as a "dodge." It would avert legislation to eliminate the drinks aloft. It would also give the airline a total monopoly on drinks served. The proposed rule would also set "civil penalties," amounting to fines, which would be imposed on offenders. Whether such penalties would provide for due process and whether they could be enforced is questionable. The FAA (Washington 25, D. C.) has invited comments up to September 1.

The Internal Revenue Service shows no signs of altering its policy on the non-deductibility of gifts to individuals -- even in the case of missionaries. This makes certain changes necessary for some home and foreign mission agencies. Gifts must not be designated for individuals if they are to be claimed as deductions for income tax purposes. They may, however, be designated toward projects of the mission. It is essential that the mission have full control of the funds if the deduction is to be claimed; this is not the case where gifts are earmarked for individuals. Churches, which have no reason for deductions, may continue to designate gifts for individuals.

After supporters of church-state separation in the District of Columbia marshalled their forces, a House subcommittee unanimously tabled legislation which would have provided a subsidy from District funds for transportation of children "attending public, parochial or like schools in the District of Columbia."

Reports from Spain on the formation of the Christian-Democratic party of the Left, say that it will be an opposition group dedicated to promotion of the Catholic movement. It will also interpret to the Vatican "democratic Catholic trends" in Spain as opposed to the current policy of collaboration with the government.

Where Is the Lord God of Elijah?

By EDWARD P. COLESON

MOST OF THE FREEdom we enjoy we owe to centuries of conflict between Church and State.
—W. M. Macmillan.

The modern notion that the separation of Church and State means that we should carefully compartmentalize piety and politics, and that the clergy should be effectively muzzled—keep to their prayers and let the forces of evil run the world—is a relatively new idea.

The man of the cloth has not traditionally been the Rev. Caspar Milquetoast. Surely men like Elijah, Jeremiah, St. Paul, Luther, or John Knox would have been better insurance risks had they been timid, ineffectual souls, certain that the great problems of their time were "political" and hence outside the realm of their responsibility; but the world would have been infinitely poorer had they failed their generation.

Of course, they would have been quite as justified in doing so as we are since the adjectives—political, moral, ethical, economic and social—which people like to use to describe their problems today tend simply to be different labels for the same dilemma.

As proof, too, look at the secular side: Jezebel's presence in the Northern Kingdom was the consequence of a commercial alliance between Israel and Phoenicia, Jeremiah pleaded with his king to "avoid all foreign entanglements" during the declining days of Judah, the early Christians wouldn't burn incense to Caesar and hence were disloyal, Charles V feared that Luther's activities would weaken Christendom militarily in its struggle with the "unspeakable Turk," and John Knox had many a stormy session with Mary, Queen of Scots, since he had the nerve to denounce her course of action—if one may compress centuries of history into a few brief clauses. And all of this happened back when it was worth one's head to disagree with the powers that be.

However, the present day clergyman feels in no way oppressed or aggrieved with his more limited role in society. Like most of his contemporaries from automotive workers to university professors, he has an assembly-line mind and hence considers it proper and right that he should confine his attention to the "spiritual"—his speciality—and let others take care of the rest of the world.

He is aware also that some of his fellow preachers have strayed over into the "secular realm" and have brought disgrace on "the cause" by their left wing sympathies and pronouncements; if they had stayed in their own "field," they wouldn't have gotten in trouble. But perhaps we can't dispose of the problem quite that simply; the Scripture says we have a responsibility to sound out the warning when we see danger approaching (Ezekiel 33:1-6). Surely the need has never been more urgent.

A story that went the rounds some years ago may illustrate the futility of taking refuge in silence. A farmer took his sons off to the city back when there was more difference between urban and rural life than there is today. One of the boys was not considered by the family to be very bright and so his father and brothers had carefully warned him to keep quiet to avoid revealing his stupidity to the embarrassment of the rest of them.

When they got to town he was so overwhelmed with the sights that he fell behind the rest of the party. Several city boys flocked about him and started asking him questions, but, remembering his orders, he remained stoically silent. Finally one of the lads remarked to his fellows that there was no use wasting any more time on the little fool since he obviously didn't know anything, so they went on their way.

When the laggard caught up with the family, he exclaimed: "Paw, I might as well 'a talked. They guessed anyway."

We can hardly cover up our inadequacies for long by our silence even if we had no responsibility to reprove evil, although one may do well to keep quiet until he has had time to clear his own mind. Saul of Tarsus went off to the desert for a couple of years to straighten out his own thinking after his right-about-face on the Damascus road, but he was a most outspoken enemy of wickedness in places high and low throughout the rest of his life. It was he who turned the world upside down; it needed to be—it was wrong side up to start with.

The reason the early church won the world in the face of the most bitter opposition was that primitive Christianity was regarded by mankind everywhere as the answer. If only people of our age regarded Christianity as the obvious solution to the complex equation of today. But the world won't see this until the Church senses it first.

As Whittaker Chambers pointed out in the foreword to *Witness,* the godless gospel of salvation according to Marx with all its horrors is sweeping the world today because it makes a profound appeal to the human mind as the answer to the crisis of our time. Perhaps, after all, nature does "abhor a vacuum." But why did we leave one for them to move into?

The relationship of church and state in the Israelitish nation is particularly instructive to those of us struggling with the same problem today. In an ancient world where tyranny ran rampant and the king could do no wrong, the Hebrew people stand out like a light in the midst of a vast gloom.

The Jewish social order was founded on an authority external to them, the Law of the Lord, given by Jehovah himself in the midst of thunderings, smoke and earthquakes at the mount of God. When the Israelites sought and obtained a king, he was still a constitutional monarch subject to checks and balances which, while they did not always function in the short run, were regarded as abiding principles and had a salutary influence throughout their long history.

If you have not noticed this in your devotional reading, what one might call the Preamble of the Jewish Constitution may be found in Deuteronomy 17:14-20. It is obvious that the Divine Lawgiver envisioned a state with limited authority, a "simple frugal affair" as Jefferson would say.

Such was "the manner of the kingdom" which Samuel outlined to Saul and the people at his accession (1 Samuel 10:25) and the tragedy of Solomon's disastrous reign stemmed from his violation of this fundamental law. Nor did he and his house escape the consequences of his wrong doing. Doubtlessly the consternation of Josiah more than three centuries later, when

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No Conflict Between These Scientists and Theologians

By J. BARTON PAYNE

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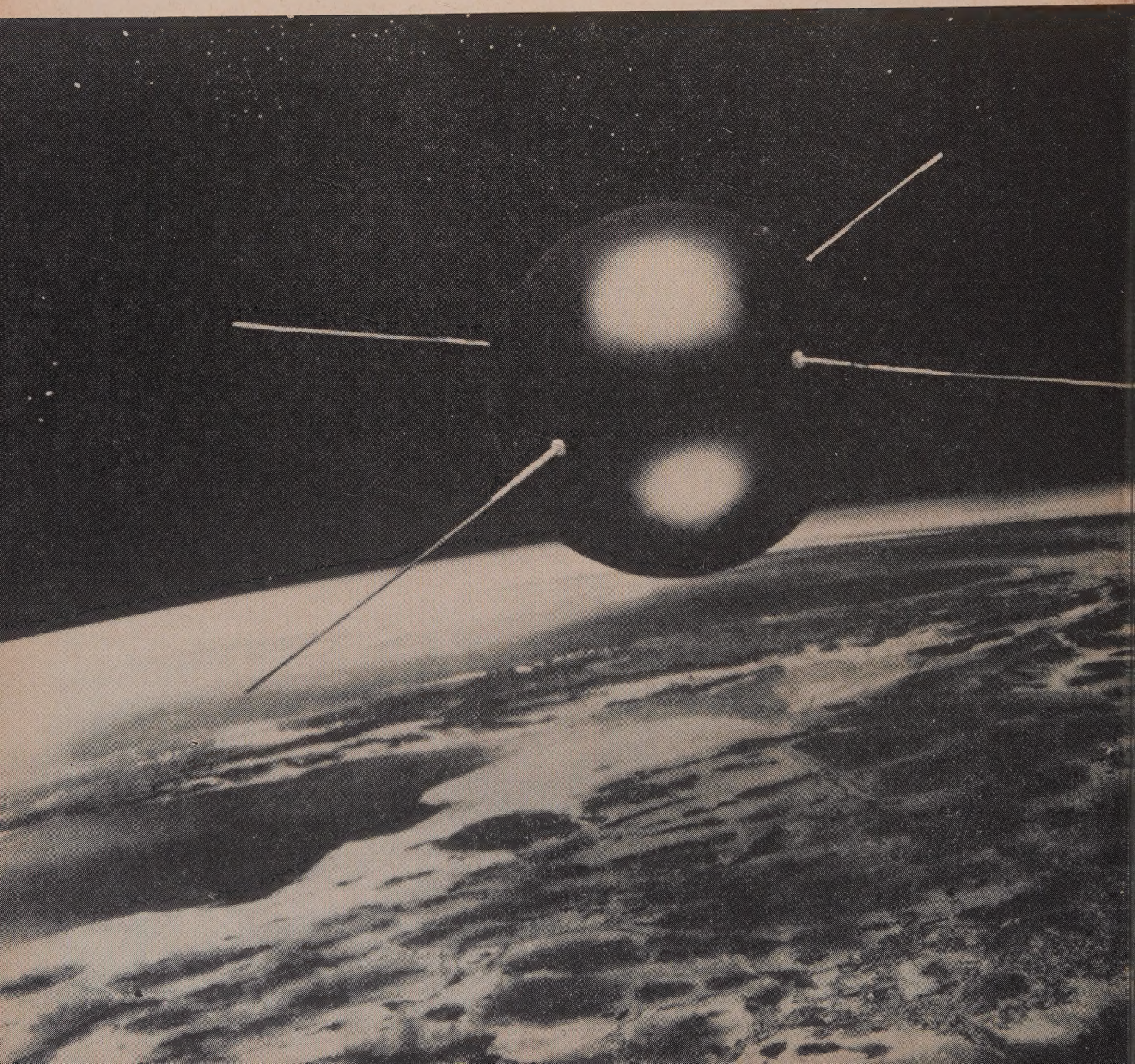

CHRISTIAN educators and scientists have long been troubled by the undermining influences to which the faith of college students is often subjected. Teachers who are learned scientists but do not believe the Bible can in a few class sessions destroy a Christian faith which has been nurtured since childhood. In recent years two groups of thoughtful evangelical Christians have arisen to try to obviate this problem. Results have been most encouraging.

The American Scientific Affiliation (Christian scientists) and the Evangelical Theological Society (Christian scholars) have met together in three biennial gatherings for the purpose of making a cooperative study of the philosophy of science. Most recent of these joint assemblies was held June 9-11 at Trinity Seminary, Chicago. At this conference both groups, representing national organizations of evangelical Christians, affirmed their belief in Jesus Christ as the divine creator and sustainer of the natural world and in the Bible as God's revelation of doctrinal and scientific truth. ASA is composed of professional scientists who are seeking to clarify the harmony of science and Scripture; ETS consists of evangelical theologians and biblical scholars who are committed to the original inerrancy of Scripture. One hundred members of the two organizations came to Trinity from all areas of the United States and Canada to discuss and attempt to solve their common problem.

Introductory session of the conference was on "The Need for an Evangelical Philosophy of Science," with Professor Thomas H. Leith, chairman of the science division, Gordon College, Beverly Farms, Mass., as speaker. Professor Leith keynoted the gathering by affirming that Scripture is the unique revelation of God. Latitude must be granted in its interpretation, he stated, but neither interpretation nor a philosophy of science can be considered ultimate truth, as is the Bible itself. Men of science, the speaker indicated, cannot on rational grounds find in nature an ordered world-view or come to a knowledge of God. A careful choice of a unique theistic starting point, he said, is the only path to a useful and abiding resolution of theism and science.

In the four sessions that followed, two papers were presented by members of the Evangelical Theological Society and two by members of the American Scientific Affiliation. Each was then discussed by a member of the other group, followed by general analysis from the floor.

First of the four sessions, moderated by Dr. Walter R. Hearn, professor of biochemistry at Iowa State College, concerned "Nature and General Revelation," with a paper on the subject presented by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry of the ETS, editor of *Christianity Today*, Washington, D. C. Dr. Henry noted that no century since the first has considered Christ so irrelevant or been so agnostic in its outlook as the present one. "Modern science," he said, "is passionately interested in the utility and control of nature but is neglecting the pursuit of truth and goodness. This crisis can be solved only when man recognizes God as the unifying principle of creation, redemption, sanctification and judgment." The evangelical task, Dr. Henry stated, is (1) to contribute to scientific knowledge, and (2) to show that evidence of order in the universe is the same as order shown in the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. Discussant for Dr. Henry's address was Dr. Albert J. Meyer, professor of physics at Goshen (Ind.) College. Dr. Meyer stated that there is no conflict between physics and Divine Revelation. It is necessary, he said, to convince scientists of God's omnipotence, and added that Christianity clearly must be related to scientific work.

The next paper was presented by Dr. Oscar T. Walle of the ASA, professor of biology at Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind. Dr. Walle traced the historic and recent background of the problem under consideration. Science is justified, Dr. Walle declared, in Genesis 1:26: "Let (man) have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth . . ." Many attempts have been made, the speaker stated, to reconcile science and religion. Leaders of the Reformation, however, were too busy building churches, schools, and preaching to devote time to science. The Scientific Reformation, he told his lis-

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Evangelical scholars in ASA and ETS find common meeting ground in Biblical truth.

The Evangelical Position of

The NAE statement of faith asks no sensational notice, but reiterates the historic position of the church—something that is needed in these days

By STEPHEN W. PAINE

THE WORD EVANGELical is an adjective at whose heart is the Greek word meaning "good news." The word *gospel* is its Anglo-Saxon equivalent. The term refers to the original message of God's redemptive plan for fallen mankind, and it is subject to objective definition in terms of the historic message of the Christian church.

In its seven-fold affirmation of faith, the National Association of Evangelicals has set forth the outline of the Church's proclamation through the centuries of the Christian era. It has been necessary to do this because the last century there has been within the very framework of Protestantism a wave of destructive denial of most of these items of the historic faith.

NAE's statement affirms faith in the Bible as the inspired, infallible, and authoritative word of God; in the unity and trinity of the Godhead; in the miraculous life, vicarious death, bodily resurrection, and second coming of Christ; in the necessity of individual salvation; in the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit; in the resurrection and future judgment of man, and in the spiritual unity of believers.

The validity of the last six articles depends in large measure upon the validity of the first article, that affirming the infallibility of Scripture. We shall therefore give our attention principally to this. Many, many books have been written on this topic and manifestly ours must be a cursory handling of it.

There has been a considerable use of semantics in referring to the authority of Scripture. In earlier days, the words *inspired* and *inspiration,* with reference to the Holy Spirit's giving of Scripture, was enough to connote freedom from error, and full final authority. For whatever was made and enunciated by Him, the all-perfect, must of necessity be free from error.

But the word "inspired" was robbed of this earlier connotation by those who would grant the "inspiration" of the sacred writers, but an inspiration such as might be ascribed to any human recorder of sublime truths. So Bible believers adopted the word "infallible" to indicate the Bible's freedom from error. But this word in turn was robbed of its force by those who interpreted it as meaning that the Bible "would not fail of God's intention of it," yet held that many of its assertions were demonstrably inaccurate. As a result many evangelicals now prefer to use the word "inerrant" to indicate their faith in the basic dependability of Scripture.

By this term it is meant simply that the holy scriptures were based upon divine revelation to the writers and that in the writing, these were divinely kept from error. Those who use it grant that God used the human personalities of the writers. They do not insist upon any general omniscience in the writers or even their moral perfection.

Furthermore it is recognized that there is an element of some imperfection implied in all language, which is after all symbolic and employs figures of speech. Those who insist upon the accuracy of Scripture do not insist that the original writings were perfect in their literary style or that they were declared in the best conceivable manner. Also it has always been recognized in the Judeo-Christian tradition that with the great multiplicity of copyists involved in the transmission of the Scriptures from generation to generation, there have been variations in transcription.

To this consideration is added the fact that the scriptures as read by most people today are in the form of some translation of their original wording. So, very manifestly, in speaking of the accuracy of Scripture, we are speaking of the scriptures as originally given by God and recorded with his help, that is, in their original writings. Because of the great number of copies of the scriptures through the centuries of the Christian era, we can have greater certainty as to their original text than it is possible to have with any other ancient document.

The faith of the historic church in the accuracy of Scripture springs originally from the claims of Scripture itself, that is, the claims of its writers that their words were in fact the accurate words of God. That this witness of the writers themselves was given full credence by our Lord himself and by the apostles and fathers of the early church is open for all to know from their recorded sayings and writings. That this faith continued to characterize the church through the centuries of its existence is clear from the creeds of the various confessions.

As is generally understood today, the doctrine of the inerrancy—the full accuracy—of the scriptures has been steadfastly opposed and disavowed by theological scholars of the so-called "liberal" or "modernistic" school of thought. These hold that the findings and conclusions of higher critical scholarship render this historic view of the church no longer tenable by informed and intelligent persons.

The so-called "neo-orthodoxy," a school of theological thought which has come to prominence since World War I with a vigorous condemnation of liberalism's spiritual barrenness and lack of dynamic, and with an affirmation of faith in some of the tenets of historic orthodoxy such as the sinfulness of man and his need for redemption, and the miraculous intervention of God from time to time in history, still finds itself in basic agreement with the "liberal" attitude regarding Scripture.

That higher criticism may have been overly harsh and extreme in the extent to which its destructive conclusions were pressed, is the view, but its denial of the basic dependability of Scripture is sustained—to do otherwise would forfeit intellectual respectability in a world where this is now regarded as proven.

There has emerged in recent months a term called "neo-evangelicalism" which as yet has to be defined. It is claimed presently by a small area of evangelical scholarship as a sort of hall-

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mark of intellectuality, a designation which marks its bearers as somewhat better informed and more scholarly than the great body of "Bible-believing Christians" who are not even cognizant of many of the problems of biblical scholarship.

I am sure that thoughtful evangelicals realize the importance of a creative and scholarly approach to the admitted problem areas of our faith; and the granting of this principle will mean that sometimes we may have to differ from a specific proposed solution while granting the right of an evangelical scholar to suggest that solution without having his basic evangelical loyalty called into question.

The term "neo-evangelical" has also been picked up from the opposite side by certain Bible-believing Christians who from their pronouncements may be said, perhaps not unfairly, to consider themselves a bit more orthodox, a bit more "fundamental" than others in their adherence to the doctrine of scriptural inerrancy. These accuse the assumers of this dubious title of abandoning strict insistence upon the infallibility of Scripture, of holding that this does not really matter, of moving away from the Church's historic position, the "evangelical" position.

For this attitude they have perhaps been given some occasion by reason of the statements of the self-styled "neo-evangelicals" to the effect that an effort will be made to "infiltrate liberalism," and by reason of frequent derogatory remarks about "fundamentalists" and "fundamentalism," usually with a minimum of definition of these terms.

Thus far then, it seems to me, the excitement is largely one of semantics and more definitions are urgently needed. It is perhaps fair for people to ask, "Is neo-evangelicalism different from evangelicalism? If so, is it still evangelical? If not, why bother with a meaningless appellation?"

Against all of this background of discussion and sometimes even vociferation, the NAE's statement of faith stands clear and unequivocal. It is a statement which asks no sensational notice, claims nothing brand new, but which reiterates the historically well-defined position of the Christian Church upon the full and final authority of Scripture and upon those doctrines which, clearly proclaimed by Scripture, have been held in common by orthodox Christians of all denominational persuasions.

Special Report to ACTION . . .

ECUADORIAN INDIANS CHARGE PRIEST ORDERED BEATING

■ His mission was innocent enough. Dr. Donald Dilworth of the Gospel Missionary Union had left his hospital and chapel at Colta in Central Ecuador to go to Troje to treat some patients and to investigate the mistreatment of two women missionaries by the Quichua Indians.

At his headquarters in Colta Dr. Dilworth treats many of the 30,000 Indians for whom he is the only doctor, but he also visits the nearby villages for those who are not ambulatory.

It was on such a visit that the doctor went to Troje on March 25. With him were Jerry Crooks and Wesley Vermillion of Portland, Oregon, young missionary candidates who were on a three months observation trip to Ecuador. Most of this time they had lived with Dr. and Mrs. Dilworth and assisted in the building of a hospital addition.

Here is the story as it was told to Rev. Wilmer N. Brown, northwest regional director for the National Association of Evangelicals, by Crooks and Vermillion:

As the doctor and the two young men went from hut to hut, a crowd began to gather and follow them. The attitude of the crowd became more and more menacing and threatening the longer they were in the village. An estimated 200 Indians were in the crowd.

Rocks began to fly and the doctor and the boys left the village, feeling that the mob would remain there. They followed them from the village, however, up the mountain side and became more and more violent. The doctor found it impossible to reason with them. He sent the two boys on ahead up the path as he talked to the Indians.

They began to beat him with their native club which consisted of a wooden handle to which was fastened a leather thong weighted down by sharp metal on the end. The doctor ran from them, as did the boys, but the altitude and the steep hill made it impossible for them to outrun the Indians. In desperation the doctor fired his revolver five times into the ground, but that did not halt them. He fired the last bullet into the leg of one of the Indians. This stopped them, not because they were frightened by the shot, but because they now felt they had a court case against the doctor.

The Indians then told the doctor that they did not want to hurt him, but that the local Roman Catholic priest, a man from Spain, had ordered them to attack any Protestant missionary and even to kill him. The priest threatened the Indians with the loss of their eternal souls if they did not carry out his orders. After an hour or two of talking with the Indians, most of whom were still threatening but inflicted no further injuries on the doctor, the local police captain came to the rescue and took them back to their jeep in which they were returned to the mission station.

Dr. Dilworth had 29 stitches taken in his head, face and upper chest where the Indians had beaten him. In addition there were five cuts to the bone on one of his legs. He suffered severely from loss of blood and the injuries.

With blood streaking his face, Dr. Donald Dilworth tries to reason with the priest-incited mob which gave him a severe beating in Ecuador.

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Lady (?) Chatterley

■ THE SUPREME COURT ruled that New York didn't have the right to ban the movie, but up to this point Postmaster General Summerfield has successfully kept the unexpurgated version of *Lady Chatterley's Lover* from the mail.

In a unanimous decision, the U. S. justices emphasized that "what New York has done is to prevent the exhibition of a motion picture because that picture advocates an idea—that adultery under circumstances may be proper behavior. Yet the First Amendment's basic guarantee is of freedom to advocate ideas. The state, quite simply, has thus struck at the very heart of constitutionally protected liberty."

On the basis of this ruling the film was expected to be shown to the public about August 1. The publishers of the first expurgated version fared not so well, however. Mr. Summerfield banned it from the mails, describing it as "an obscene and filthy work."

His decision was generally hailed by church groups. Said Dr. Daniel A. Poling in the August issue of *Christian Herald:* "Having read the book myself and dirtied my mind, I write now from firsthand knowledge my own criticism . . . Between its back is page after page of sex—sex in the sun and rain, in the hut and forest, at all times and places, sex with what should be unprintable conversation, sex with nasty words that appear in public only on the walls of ill-kept outhouses.

"I find with Postmaster General that, brilliantly written, *Lady Chatterley's Lover* is vile and obscene, and I cannot escape the conclusion that it is the creation of a strangely disturbed and frustrated mind."

The noted editor then called for a "real crusade against smut and obscenity in the news and on the newsstands" to stamp out "the purveyors of smut and obscenity who fill the newsstands, flood the mails, and foul the minds of teen-agers."

Up, Up, Up

■ LIQUOR ADVERTISERS SPENT almost $33 million in magazines last year to buy 3,218 pages of space. This was an increase of 6.4 per cent over 1957 expenditures of nearly $31 million.

The figures as reported by *Newsweek* showed *The New Yorker* (583.66 pages), leading *Newsweek, Life, Sports Illustrated, Time,* and *Cue*—in that order. Despite the pious outcries of the liquor industry aaginst alcoholism, it seems unlikely that any part of the $33 million was intended to get anyone to drink less.

Turnabout

■ WHILE A CATHOLIC magazine was questioning celibacy in the priesthood, a Protestant clergyman was proposing it for his faith.

Dr. James T. Cleland, Protestant dean of the Duke University Chapel, has asked Protestants to "think seriously" of encouraging unmarried clergy. At almost the same time, a Roman Catholic Missions journal in Milan, Italy, was advocating a change in church regulations, allowing marriages to certain lower clergy in the Latin rite to relieve a shortage of ministers. Some are predicting that this very idea will be adopted by the Roman Church.

Arguments for Protestant celibacy say that a married minister must either neglect his home or his job, considering his round-the-clock duties. Others deplore the trend of seminary students to marry and take on family obligations even before finishing their education. One Protestant seminary president points to practical considerations, however, which counter the previous argument by pointing out that the greatest "student aid" program is sometimes carried out when a seminary student marries and his wife supports him while he goes through school. Besides, others said, an unmarried pastor is often a "distraction" to single women in the congregation.

To Keep It Holy

■ BUSINESSES THAT WANT to close on Sunday can, but sometimes it takes a battle, according to a former president of the Auto Dealers Association in Cleveland. Sam Marshall disclosed that it took almost three years before the association won the battle against Sunday sales 20 years ago. Before they did, he said, working conditions were intolerable—15 hour days, a seven-day week, sometimes open to 11 p. m.

Many of the better salesmen were leaving for other jobs with shorter hours. Finally, Marshall said, their own advertising campaign backed by public opinion did the trick. He said he sees no extra profits in Sunday sales, just high costs and ill will.

"When a person wants to buy one bed, all he wants is one," he pointed out. "Stores can be open 24 hours a day and he won't buy two . . . . That"s what we found out in the auto industry."

Close Passage

■ A RESOLUTION PRESENTED to the American Baptist Convention by a layman when the convention met recently at Des Moines put the convention on record as against recognition of Red China by the United States and the United Nations. After heated debate, the convention adopted the resolution by a vote of 245 to 234.

It had been presented by O. K. Armstrong, former Republican Congressman from Missouri and a lay delegate to the meeting. The resolution said, "We support the policy of our government in denying diplomatic recognition to Communist China and support the policy of our State Department and United Nations in refusing to seat the regime of Communist China until such time as it proves itself worthy of recognition."

Chinese Testify

■ GOVERNMENTS OF RED CHINA and North Korea are trying to wipe out Christianity with gruesome torture and murder of Christians, five Asian church leaders recently told the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The five, all escapees from the Communists, told of dismemberment, water torture and horrible killings when describing the treatment of Christians at the hands of their atheistic masters.

The Rev. Peter Chu Pong, general secretary of the Hong Kong international Christian leadership, said the only Christian churches in Red China are run by the government to indoctrinate the people or serve as "showcases."' The Rev. Tsin-tsai Liu said Christians are compelled to attend self-confession classes to expose themselves to violent brainwashing techniques. Said Liu: "They stop the noses of the people and pour water into their mouths. Every time the person breathes, he swallows water. After he swallows enough water, his stomach swells up and then they stand on it."

The Rev. Samuel W. S. Cheng told the committee that since 1949 the Communist government of China has confiscated more than $20 million of church property, about 140,000 mainland Christians have been killed, five million Chinese have fled as refugees to Hong King, Formosa and other areas, and over 30 million Chinese have been killed or persecuted.

The Rev. Shih-ping Wang, East Asia director of the Baptist Evangelization Society International, described the atrocities of the communes and said all elderly people over 60 are put in "happy homes," given shots "for their health" which usually kill them within two weeks.

New Sphere

■ A PROGRAM TO SERVE industrial chaplains—the first of its sort in the nation—was initiated at a recent meeting of NAE representatives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Up to this point, industrial chaplaincies have tended to spring up sporadically, usually based on the initiative and vision of particular individuals in certain industrial corporations. The NAE program will be designed to provide lines of communication between industrial chaplains, as well as to serve industry by providing basic information concerning industrial chaplaincy programs.

for evangelicals

Mason-Dixon Revived

■ THE PRACTICE OF establishing Southern Baptist churches in competition with other Baptists in the North has "gotten out of hand," according to Rev. Blake Smith, pastor of University Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, who made the remark to more than 1,200 American Baptist ministers. He added that he thought the Southern Baptist invasion "threatened the unity of Baptists on this continent more seriously than the Civil War."

Smith spoke on a three-man forum, "The Southern Baptist Invasion; Right or Wrong?" He gave three reasons why Southerners feel justified in establishing churches in the North: They don't feel at home in Northern churches when they move, so they set up their own style and then petition for affiliation with the Southern Convention; they fear the ecumenical connections of American Baptists, and they suspect American Baptists are doctrinally unsound.

The first reason was valid, he said, chiding American Baptists for not welcoming transplanted Southerners, and suggested in passing that the Northern group might well follow its people when they move to the South. The other two reasons are less valid, he said.

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a copy of the Law of God was found in the temple, arose from his realization of how completely his fathers and the people had fallen short of obeying God's command.

Even a despot like Ahab of the Northern Kingdom, which had long before severed its spiritual and moral moorings, had his compunctions about expropriating the vineyard of neighbor, Naboth. His wife, the Phoenician Jezebel, could see no reason why a king shouldn't have what he wanted and set out to get it for him. But Elijah, the man of God, met Ahab in the stolen vineyard, and pronounced upon him the awful doom which awaits kings and nations who forget God's law.

So the Old Testament prophet from the days of Samuel and Nathan to the time of Jeremiah, invited or as an unwelcome intruder, stood before the throne to admonish, rebuke, warn or encourage—an effective check on the power of the state but one which is very nearly inoperative today through our failure to see the relevance of God's eternal truth to the crisis of our time and sound out the warning.

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teners, came after the Reformation, in the seventeenth century. At the first of the present century, he added, contention between science and religion was almost like an iron curtain. Then the speaker added this note of encouragement: Thought and talk on the reconciliation of science and religion (such as exhibited in this conference) would have been impossible a century ago. "If we are to find God in science," he said, "we must begin again." Dr. Walle's paper was discussed by Dr. Arthur F. Holmes, chairman of the department of philosophy at Wheaton (Ill.) College. Moderator of the session was Dr. T. B. Madsen, vice president of Trinity Seminary.

The third session saw Dr. John W. Klotz, professor of biology at Concordia Teachers College, Chicago, serving as chairman for Dr. R. Laird Harris of ETS, professor of Old Testament at Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis. Speaking on "Basic Postulates for a Christian Philosophy of Science," Dr. Harris stated, "I do not believe there is a Christian science and a non-Christian science. I believe truth is one. The Bible is all true, but it is not the whole of truth. And where the book of nature and revelation seem to conflict, I believe eventually we shall see a solution honoring to the Bible when fairly and critically interpreted." This paper was discussed by Dr. Henry D. Weaver, Jr., professor of chemistry at Goshen College.

The final specialized session was moderated by Dr. Allan A. MacRae, president of Faith Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. A paper by Dr. Russell L. Mixter of ASA, chairman of the division of science at Wheaton College, noted ways in which the Christian principle of creation is confirmed by the adaptive structures of plants and animals. "This is a much simpler explanation than natural selection," Dr. Mixter stated. His discussant from ETS was Dr. Gordon H. Clark, professor of philosophy at Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

What is being accomplished by this "meeting of minds"? Both scientists and educators are optimistic concerning the results achieved—not only at the Trinity conference but at other gatherings through the years since the inception of the two groups. A brief history of the origins of the two organizations may help to clarify goals which have been set and delineate the ultimate purposes toward which these men of science and students of Scripture alike are striving.

The American Scientific Affiliation arose out of the need of Christian college students who were troubled by attacks upon the scientific untrustworthiness of the Bible and of Christianity. In 1940 Irwin Moon, of "Sermons from Science" fame, asked Dr. F. Alton Everest, a Christian professor of engineering at Oregon State, to investigate some means for attacking this problem. As a result, a letter was sent out by Dr. Will H. Houghton, then president of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, suggesting a gathering of scientists who were Christians. At this meeting in September 1941, Dr. Everest and other scientists organized the society now known as the American Scientific Affiliation and became its charter members. First goal of ASA was the writing of "Modern Science and Christian Faith" for the distressed students whose problems the society had dedicated itself to solve. Membership in the organization consists of technical men of science, the "fellows," and a larger group of non-voting "associates"—the total now being about eight hundred. The quarterly *Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation* began publication in 1949, printing the principal papers read at the several national conventions which by this time had been held. Now regional meetings are being conducted as well in various parts of the country. Purposes of the ASA are stated as follows: "To provide Christian fellowship for Bible-believing doctors, teachers of science, industrial scientists, and government researchers, and to work out the implications of a Christian philosophy of science."

The Evangelical Theological Society was created in 1949 to answer the need of Christian scholars for an organization that would stimulate and strengthen their defense of the evangelical faith. There already existed, it is true, a number of professional societies in biblical exegesis and in theology; but it was thought that, because of their religious inclusiveness, they spent a disproportionate amount of time and effort on matters not directly related to the truth of Scripture, were unfavorable to conservative Protestantism, and often operated on assumptions of biblical errancy that undermined rather than strengthened men's trust in the Word. The faculty of Gordon Divinity School, now at Beverly Farms, Mass., felt particularly the need for an organization that would transcend denominational barriers and unite all Bible-believing theologians. They accordingly issued a call for those of like concern to meet in Cincinnati, Ohio in December 1949. More than fifty evan-

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NAE Director on Civil Defense Panel

How the churches fit into the entire civil defense picture was the subject of an interfaith panel discussion held recently as a part of a Religious Affairs Course sponsored by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

Dr. George L. Ford (at left in the picture), executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, represented the organization at the meeting and was a panel participant.

The course, which was the seventh of a series designed to enlist the churches and clergy in the civil defense operation, was held in Battle Creek, Michigan.

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gelical professors, writers, and church leaders gathered there—and the Evangelical Theological Society was born. Dr. Clarence Bouma of Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, Mich., was elected the first president. ETS membership includes all shades of doctrinal and organizational belief, but its annual meetings and publications continue to be biblical and positive because of the affirmation signed each year by all those in its association that "the Bible alone, and the Bible in its entirety, is the Word of God written, and therefore inerrant in the autographs." Voting membership requires the Th.M. degree or its theological equivalent; "associates" and "student associates" include others interested in evangelical scholarship, and the total is now about five hundred. A number of regional sections have been organized. Members extend beyond the United States and Canada throughout the English-speaking world and the mission fields. The *Quarterly Bulletin of the Evangelical Theological Society* and the volumes of the *ETS Monograph Series* make possible the publication of significant individual research projects, and a symposium by members of the society, entitled *Inspiration and Interpretation,* has traced the history of the church's belief in the full authority of Scripture.

A growing realization of the interdependence of the two societies began to manifest itself. The need was seen for the theologians to appreciate the findings and the problems of evangelical scientists; likewise for the scientists to be assured of the full meaning and interpretation of God's Word. Accordingly, ASA and ETS agreed to a joint meeting at Winona Lake, Ind., in June of 1955. So successful and of such potential fruitfulness was that gathering that it has resulted in biennial meetings held in odd-numbered summers since that date.

The conference at Trinity Seminary marked a decided forward stride in coordinating the purposes of the two groups. In the summary session conducted by Dr. Stanley W. Olson, dean of Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Tex., a panel of the previous speakers and discussants concluded that the study of science is a divine calling. Their findings included the following significant statements:

The Christian who is a scientist is committed to glorify God by producing the best of which he is capable in his scientific undertakings. His task is to integrate the data of his experience and to increase knowledge of God's creation. His conclusions, however, are always tentative. A scientist may exemplify veracity and integrity in his endeavors to eliminate errors and arrive at workable constructions, but as he moves into the area of interpretation, if he is not submissive to his divine Creator, there is a tendency to treat his own opinions as of absolute truth and as a guide for life. An independent criterion is needed. (Quoting Dr. Meyer): "My theology thus makes more contributions to my science than my science to my theology."

The Christian philosophy of science is, accordingly, based on the axiom that God has created this world, most of it external to oneself. This, in turn, produces at least four major features of the thought process of the Christian scientist: (1) Belief in creation insures the validity of one's sense perception; in fact, creation is a major basis for a philosophical assurance of the reality of the external world. (2) Creation also leads to a confidence in the validity of one's thought process. (3) It guarantees a certain degree of regularity in nature, for it is God who maintains the consistency of summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, as opposed to theories of irrationalism. Yet (4) the idea of creation insures the freedom of God, not only to act in the biblical miracles and in the resurrection both of Christ and ourselves, but to account for the contingencies in nature, as opposed to theories of materialistic determinism.

Finally, an evangelical philosophy of science goes beyond a bare theism, with its belief simply in God. Evangelicalism involves also a commitment to Jesus Christ, and therefore to the Book in which He believed. The theologian's task is to interpret the data of Scripture. Scripture, moreover, contains a few scientific propositions—for example, about the origin of man; and since scientific findings can at least approximate reality, the evangelical believes that there must be a consistency between these two sources of knowledge. Both are seen as aspects of God's revelation, as contrasted with the views of neo-orthodoxy, which deny the scientific relevance of the Bible. Scripture, indeed, is to be interpreted in as broad a way as is consistent with its language; but the Christian's scientific value judgments will then operate within the limits which have been set by Scripture.

Historic conflicts between scientists and theologians are being mitigated by the combined efforts of these two societies of God-honoring men. Leaders feel that definite progress is being made toward a situation in which the youth of the land will have opportunity to study and develop natural sciences without the undermining influence of professors who deny the existence of the God who created "the heavens and the earth." Members of both American Scientific Affiliation and Evangelical Theological Society indicate that they are looking forward to the fourth biennial meeting of the two groups which is projected for the summer of 1961, and meanwhile, that they propose—each in their separate field—to continue bending their strongest efforts "Toward an Evangelical Philosophy of Science."

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Denominations

First Copy EFCA History Presented to President

MINNEAPOLIS—A few days before opening of the recent Diamond Jubilee Conference of The Evangelical Free Church of America, Dr. Arnold T. Olson, EFC president, paid a visit to the White House. At that time he presented President Eisenhower with specially bound and inscribed copy of the history of the denomination, to be released for general distribution during the convention. A similar copy was presented to Mrs. Eisenhower, whose grandparents attended the first conference of the EFCA in Boone, Iowa in 1884 and were members of the Evangelical Free Church in Boone. Rep. Elford Cederberg (R. Mich.), a member of the Evangelical Free Church of Bay City, Mich., accompanied Dr. Olson on the White House visit.

"Forward in the Faith of Our Fathers" was the motto of the conference, and also title of the closing address given by Dr. Olson. Other major addresses included "Forward in the Zeal of Our Fathers," by Rev. A. J. Thornwall, former director of evangelism and secretary of home missions; "Forward in the Book of Our Fathers," by Dr. Richard Elvee, pastor of Central Free Church here; "The Evangelical Free Church in Missions," by Rev. Lester P. Westlund, secretary of foreign missions; "The Evangelical Free Church and the Printed Word," by Dr. Roy A. Thompson, secretary of publications, and "The Evangelical Free Church of America and Current History," by Rev. Mel Larson, editor of *The Evangelical Beacon.*

New WMC Superintendent Dies Before Installation

HOUGHTON, N. Y.—Dr. Oliver G. Wilson, editor of *The Wesleyan Methodist* for eleven years, died of a heart attack moments before he was to step to the rostrum to be installed as general superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Dr. Wilson was one of three general superintendents elected at the denomination's Thirtieth Quadrennial Session at Houghton College to fill the office of retiring president Roy S. Nicholson. The other two general superintendents elected are Rev. B. H. Phaup, High Point, N. C., president of North Carolina Conference for eight years, and Dr. H. K. Sheets, Marion, Ind., general secretary of Church Extension and Evangelism for four years. Before the close of the Conference Dr. Rufus Reisdorph, editor of Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School literature for the past twelve years, was elected to the general superintendency in Dr. Wilson's place. Dr. Nicholson, who became President Emeritus of the WMC in recognition of his thirty-four years of service, will take up new duties in September as Chairman of the Department of Theology, at Central Wesleyan College, Central, S. C.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America failed to approve the proposed merger with the Pilgrim Holiness denomination. Main objections to the merger were differences in church government and the question as to whether the doubled size of the group would necessarily result in church extension.

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Convention Plans For Lutheran Youth

COLUMBUS, Ohio—(NLC)—Milwaukee has been chosen as the site for the constituting convention of the Luther League of The American Lutheran Church, the new church body that will be formed next year by a three-way merger. The Luther League will meet August 16-21, 1960, with 3,500 official delegates representing nearly 125,000 Lutheran youth in the United States and Canada from the three uniting groups—the American, Evangelical and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

According to the Lutheran Youth Convention Committee, the purpose of the youth meeting will be to constitute the Luther League as the youth auxiliary of the new Church and to determine the League's program for the first triennium, 1961-63.

The committee in charge of the convention consists of six members, two from each of the merging bodies, with Rev. Chester M. Patton of Columbus, assistant youth director of the American Lutheran Church, as chairman. The committee met in Milwaukee earlier this summer to begin preliminary plans for the meeting.

The Lutheran young people, mostly high school and post-high-school youth, plan to use the Auditorium-Arena in Milwaukee for their five-day conclave,

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER RECEIVES EFC HISTORY

The President receives from Dr. Arnold T. Olson, president of The Evangelical Free Church of America, a leather-bound gold-inscribed first copy of "The Diamond Jubilee," which relates the 75-year history of the denomination. The volume was released during the recent Diamond Jubilee Conference in Denver, Colo.

and will be housed in nearby hotels.

The Luther League will meet four months after the constituting convention of The American Lutheran Church, which will be held April 22-24 next year in Minneapolis, chosen as national headquarters for the new denomination of more than two million members.

105 Volunteers Serving In MCC Summer Projects

AKRON, Pa.—This summer, 105 volunteers are serving in ten MCC service projects, Mennonite Central Committee Agency for relief and other services reported here. Nineteen are serving as psychiatric aides at two Minnesota state hospitals, Fergus Falls and Hastings. Thirty-seven young people are participating in research tests at National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. At the Institute of Logopedics, Wichita, Kans., seven volunteers are assisting the staff in work with children with speech and hearing defects. Ten are camp counsellors at Camp Paivika, Crestline, Calif., a camp for crippled children. Working with emotionally disturbed boys, four MCC young people are helping at Brookland Plantation, Edisto Island, S. C., four are working at Wiltwyck School for Boys, Esopus, N. Y. Four summer service volunteers are working with children from broken homes at Junior Village, Washington, D. C. Twenty workers are taking part in recreation, crafts and religious instruction at migrant labor camps in Hamilton and Waterville, N. Y.

Missouri Synod Invites Finnish Group to Join

SAN FRANCISCO — (NLC) — The 10,000-member National Evangelical Lutheran Church has been invited to join the 2,315,000-member Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The invitation was extended by the latter's forty-fourth general convention here. The two bodies have been closely allied in doctrine and practice for thirty-five years.

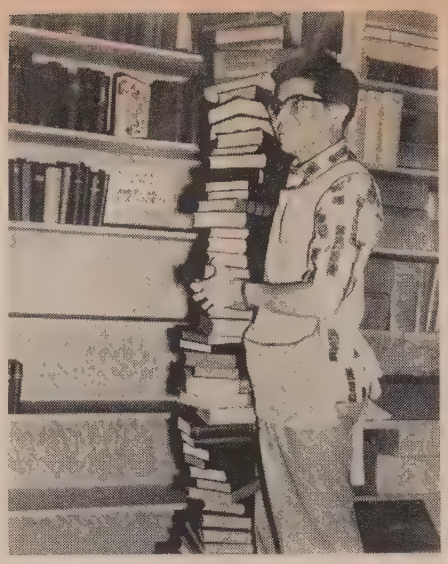
Organized in 1898, the NELC is composed of Lutherans of Finnish descent and is headed by Dr. J. E. Nopola of Esko, Minn. It has fifty-seven congregations and thirty-three pastors, many of whom are graduates of the Missouri Synod's Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Ill.

The Finnish Relations Committee of the synod was instructed to arrange a meeting between representatives of the NELC and the synod's Committee on Doctrinal Unity to discuss union of the two church bodies.

PRESS

Theological Dictionary Scheduled for Publication

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—A new *Dictionary of Theology* is scheduled for publication next fall, marking the official twentieth anniversary publication of Baker Book House located here. The volume, a major contribution in the theological field, will contain approximately 400,000 words and will treat the important biblical terms of theological import plus such terms as have been used by theologians to give expression to theological ideas.



BIBLE IN DIFFERENT TONGUES

Peter Galuteria, student librarian at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., unpacks 112 Bibles in different languages—a gift recently received by the Seminary from American Bible Society.

Everett F. Harrison of Fuller Theological Seminary is editor-in-chief of the project, Geoffrey W. Bromiley of the same seminary is associate editor and Carl F. H. Henry of *Christianity Today,* consulting editor. The articles will be written by 125 different theologians. Contributors have been chosen with a view to their scholarship and theological position. Among them are such scholars as W. F. Albright, G. C. Berkouwer, F. F. Bruce, Gordon Clark, John Stott, Oscar Cullman, Stephen Hodge, George H. Ladd, Charles F. Pfeiffer, Wilbur M. Smith, Merrill F. Unger, Floyd H. Hamilton, R. V. G. Tasker and others.

Free Literature Offered On Religion and Science

NEW YORK CITY—Literature published by the Committee on Religion and Science is being offered free to ministers, scientists and others who might like to use scientific and religious materials in combating materialism among those whom they serve. The statement concerning availability of the literature was made here by Dr. Edward L. Wertheim, director of Public Relations for the Committee.

The Satellite, bulletin of the organization, contains digests of magazine articles, news items, book reviews, poetry, hymns, sermons and quotations. The summer issue has "evolution" as its theme to provide materials for sermons to be prepared this fall during the One Hundredth Anniversary of the "Origin of Species" by Darwin. Questionnaires are to be sent to members of the Committee to get their reaction to the evolution theory.

The Committee on Religion and Science is a non-denominational group of ministers, scientists, educators and writers dedicated to furthering religious progress in the present scientific era.

There is no charge for literature or membership as the Committee is being financed by a grant from the Swedenborg Foundation in honor of the Swedish scientist and theologican, Emanuel Swedenborg.

Requests for the free materials may be addressed to the Committee at 11 West Forty-second Street, New York 36, N. Y.

sunday school

Triple Conventions Sponsored by NSSA

CHICAGO—For the first time in the history of the National Sunday School Association it will sponsor *three* conventions in one year. Never before, says Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary, has NSSA undertaken such a gigantic task.

Identical programs are to be presented in widely scattered areas of the country (see map below): Civic Auditorium, San Jose, Calif., October 7-9; Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., October 21-23, and Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Columbus, Ohio, November 11-13. A staff of 100 leaders will conduct conferences (sixty of them plan to be present at all three conventions). Some of the "big Sunday School names" listed in the roster of workshop and institute leaders are: Dr. Henrietta Mears, Gospel Light Press and Hollywood Presbyterian

NATIONAL S. S. WEEK

Pastors, superintendents and other Sunday School leaders are urged by the National Sunday School staff to observe National Sunday School Week" September 27-October 4. Full details will appear in the September issue of ACTION magazine.

Church; Dr. Robert Cook, vice-president Scripture Press; Mrs. Bernice Cory, editor-in-chief Scripture Press; Dr. Harold Etling, national Sunday School secretary of the Brethren Church, Drs. Mary and Lois LeBar, professors of Christian education at Wheaton (Ill.) College; Dr. Leslie Miller, general superintendent Union Gospel Press; Rev. Ralph Harris, editor Sunday School literature for the Assemblies of God; Lloyd Knox, publisher and manager of Free Methodist Publishing House; members of the NSSA headquarters staff and numerous other outstanding Sunday School workers.

Information concerning hotel reservations, travel costs and other details may be secured by writing the National Sunday School Association, 542 South Dearborn St., Chicago 5. (The October issue of *Action* magazine will be the Annual Sunday School Number. Coming from the press late in September it will provide detailed information for all Sunday School workers planning to attend any or all of these gatherings.)

Over 150,000 Children March in S.S. Parade

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—More than 150,000 children, teachers and other adults marched through the streets here recently to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union. Thousands watched as the youngsters, representing some 500 Protestant Sunday schools, participated in the gigantic parade. In nearby Queens, nearly 25,000 other youngsters took part in a smaller parade. In both localities, public elementary schools were closed for the day.

The theme of this year's parade was: "Christ Lives, Trust Him," and these four words were inscribed on paper shoulder bands worn by the boys and girls. The words were also depicted on many colorful floats that accompanied the marchers. Mothers marched in the procession, pushing baby carriages or holding very small children by the hand. A hymn-sing and a concert by the Brooklyn Post Office Band were held in Prospect Park in connection with the event.

Brooklyn Borough President John Cashmore was chief reviewing officer for this year's parade. With him on the reviewing stand were Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York and his wife, and other civic and church dignitaries.

WORLD-WIDE

Taiwan Evangelicals Build Radio Studio

TAIWAN, Formosa—Latest project of the Taiwan Evangelical Fellowship, announced Rev. Fred Ferris, executive secretary of World Evangelical Fellowship which has its headquarters at Muscatine, Iowa, is a new radio studio now being constructed for the use of evangelicals. Tapes will be made and programs planned for the radio ministry of TEF. The program will be released through Far East Broadcasting Company and is beamed to cover Taiwan, Okinawa, Korea and the Philippine Islands.

Other recent accomplishments of TEF include four Sunday School conventions conducted by Miss Elizabeth Evans, formerly of the WEF headquarters staff, for the past four years ministering in areas covered by the Taiwan Fellowship. TEF recently sponsored a pastors' and church leaders' institute which is slated to become an annual event.

TEF has also opened a Christian Service Center in their headquarters building for American GI's. Records reveal that 2,500 men have visited the Center during the first five months of this year.

Miss Evans has indicated that she expects to return to the United States on furlough near the close of this year and travel extensively throughout the country showing slides of work in the Taiwan field.

Israel-American School Planned to Open Soon

CHICAGO—Dr. G. Douglas Young, dean of the Evangelical Free Church's Trinity Seminary here, reports progress in plans for opening the Israel-American Institute this month (see *Action* November 1958).

Purpose of the institute is to provide opportunity for American theological students to go to Israel for short periods, up to six months, where they will have the privilege of studying the Bible in the Bible world and in its native geographic setting. This Christian theological seminary in Israel will have an American faculty, assisted by especially competent people of Israel. The credits will be transferable to the schools from which the students come and to which they will return.

Said Dr. Young: "We will be receiving every courtesy and help possible from the people and government of Israel. They are anxious to help in the education of these young men, by letting them take full advantage of the country and the facilities of the country for their personal Bible study and for their understanding of the Middle East problems. The students will, by agreement, be free to practice their own religion. Israel expects them to be good representatives of Christianity. This will be a chance of a lifetime for these men and their teachers for study in the Holy Land."

Communications Congress Set for Sept. 13-18 in Colombia

The Latin American Congress on Gospel Communications, to be held at Cali, Colombia, September 13-18, will bring together top evangelical leaders from both southern and northern hemispheres, it has been announced by the two coordinating groups planning the meeting. LEAL (Literature Evangelica Para America Latina) and Panamerican Christian Network with headquarters at San Jose, Costa Rica, are combining forces for the congress, which is expected to be a significant

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LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLERS Association will hold its tenth annual convention August 16-20 at Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich. Speakers include Russell T. Hitt, editor *Eternity* magazine, Philadelphia, Pa., and Rev. Ivan Allbutt, formerly a missionary in China and for the past seventeen years editor of *The Millions*, monthly magazine of China Inland Mission. Entries in the CBA Annual Promotion Awards contest will be on display.

● WORLD LITERATURE Sunday has been set for October 11, according to announcement by Evangelical Foreign Missions Association Literature Committee. Help in planning a literature program for that Sunday may be secured by writing Evangelical Literature Overseas, 1825 College Ave., Wheaton, Ill.

● NATIONAL SUNDAY School Convention of General Baptists is to be held August 11-12 at First General Baptist Church, Tahlequah, Okla., with Rev. Cecil Robertson as host pastor. Rev. Kenneth Kennedy of Louisville, Ky., is president of the Convention and Rev. Loyd Myers of Malden, Mo., executive secretary.

● GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES for the new campus of Lutheran Bible Institute will take place August 30. A classroom-administration building is one of the three primary buildings planned for the first phase of construction. The new campus is located in Golden Valley, just west of Minneapolis.

● THE 1959 YOUNG CALVINIST Federation's annual convention meets August 22-25 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. In the oratorical contest (a highlight of each convention), cash awards will be made to all participants and a one-year tuition grant to Calvin College to a first-place winner in each division (young men and young women).

● VOICE OF THE ANDES has presented petitions to governments in the Middle East and Western Europe for permission to establish high power stations in order to reach their heavily populated areas of the world with the Gospel.

● THE NORTH AMERICAN Christian Convention (Disciples of Christ) at its annual gathering in Atlanta, Ga., last month voted to hold its 1960 meeting July 12-15 in Columbus, Ohio, in joint session with the National Education Convention. Dr. James DeForest Murch, managing editor of *Christianity Today*, was one of the speakers at the Atlanta meeting. Mr. Edwin Crouch of Columbus, Ind., was elected president for the coming year.

REVERENT SCENE DURING OSAKA CRUSADE

A few inches of one assembly during Dr. Bob Pierce's recent crusade in Osaka, Japan. From throngs totaling 96,200 (limited by Festival Hall's seating capacity) 7,467 accepted Christ, along with unnumbered others in the radio-television coverage.

milestone in the history of Gospel communications in Latin America.

Program for the gathering is to include radio personalities and other evangelical leaders from both continents. Dr. Walter Montano, Bolivian Consul in Los Angeles and editor of *Christian Heritage* magazine, will give the keynote address on "Communicating Through Sight and Sound." Well-known United States evangelicals to take part in the congress include Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association; Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, president of National Religious Broadcasters, Inc.; Dr. William Reyburn, Christian anthropologist and research expert in Christian communications, and Mr. Richard Canfield, radio director of the "Back to the Bible Broadcast."

Among prominent evangelicals from Latin America to participate in the program are Mr. David Currie Gomes, executive secretary of the Sales Executives' Club, composed of more than 400 leading businessmen of Mexico; Mr. Harold Stacey, Argentine businessman and Gospel radio promoter; Mr. Pedro de Koster Fuentes, former manager of Radio Cadena Nacional (a Mexican chain of sixty radio station); Mr. David Glass, literature expert from Brazil; Mr. Asdrubal Rios, editor of TEAM magazine in Venezuela; Mr. Jose' Fajardo, director of the Colegio Americano in Cali; Mr. Dayton Roberts, assistant director of Latin America Mission, and Dr. Joseph Springer, director of HCJB-TV, Quito, Ecuador, and Mr. George Sanchez, Latin American director for The Navigators.

Highlights of the program include a Christian Writers' Workshop; forums on radio and TV programming; professional-level counseling on public relations, promotion and publicity; direct mail techniques and administration efficiency; panel discussions covering bookstore management and radio literature follow-up methods; round table discussions and specialized lectures on other areas of "communications."

Facilities of the Colegio Americano will be used as headquarters for the congress, providing room for housing the convention, exhibits and business sessions. Participating in preparations are personnel from the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Conservative Baptists, Latin America Mission, The Evangelical Alliance Mission, The Navigators, Presbyterians, Radio Station HCJB, The Evangelical Union of South America, The Central American Mission and the Plymouth Brethren.

"This is the first time to my knowledge," stated Vergil Gerber, executive-secretary of LEAL, "that a joint Latin America-wide congress on broadcasting literature has been held." Robert Remington, network manager for Cadena Cultural Panamericana, expressed the conviction that "today's rapid technical development in Latin America, coupled to an accelerated population increase, makes it imperative that we evangelicals capitalize on these media of communication and that we coordinate our efforts for greater effectiveness." "The congress will be a step in that direction," he added.

Vergil Gerber and Robert Remington, leading figures in the communications field in South America, make plans for the Latin American Congress on Gospel Communications to be held September 13-18 at Cali, Colombia.

Further information on the congress may be obtained by writing Mr. Robert Searing, Congress Coordinator, Apartado Aereo 1511, Cali, Colombia.

EVANGELISM

Final Results Reported On Pierce's Osaka Crusade

OSAKA, Japan—Japanese churchmen hailed the three-week Osaka Christian Crusade conducted by Dr. Robert Pierce of World Vision, Inc. (see *Action* July) as showing "the most amazing evangelical results seen in the history of the nation." This was the word brought back from the scene of the crusade by Larry Ward of the World Vision staff.

In supposedly "indifferent" Japan, reported Mr. Ward, over 9,800 converged on the scene for the last service and more than 5,000 stood patiently outside after the hall was jammed. When Dr. Pierce gave the invitation, 813 surged forward to accept Christ.

Results of the crusade exceeded all expectations in the tri-city area of Osaka-Kobe-Kyotok, said World Vision's roving reporter, with a Christian population of only 25,000 living among the area's millions and in a nation ninety-nine per cent non-Christian. Uncounted thousands made decisions for Christ as radio and television covered an area of 40,000,000 people.

Other sessions supplementing Dr. Pierce's evangelistic messages were team luncheons attended by 1,610 Japanese businessmen; daily meetings for pastors held by Dr. Paul S. Rees, World Vision's vice-president-at-large, and outside meetings led by Dr. Carlton Booth, professor of evangelism at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Italian Campaign First of Its Kind

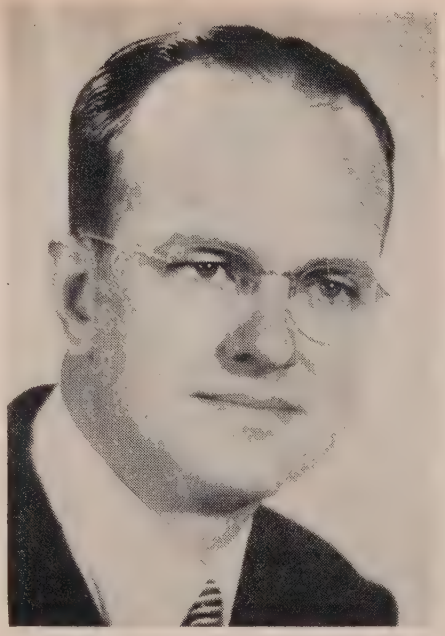
CHICAGO—Greater Europe Mission, which has its headquarters here, has announced that the first city-wide evangelistic campaign ever held in Italy took place in Naples recently, drawing a crowd of nearly 5,000 persons in eight nights. Dr. Enrico Paschetto, professor of New Testament at Italy's newly-founded Italian Bible Institute in La Spezia (sustained by GEM), was the evangelist.

Interest remained at high pitch and forty decisions for Christ were recorded, GEM leaders note, although city officials closed down the meetings after the first night and the campaign was forced to continue in the Methodist church which seats only 400 instead of 1,500 as did the auditorium for which they had a contract. Observers from various denominations and cities in Italy were so impressed by

what they saw in Naples that plans are being made by two denominations to attempt similar meetings in every city where they have a church or group. Cooperating in this evangelistic efforts were Waldensians, Plymouth Brethren, Baptists, Methodists, Apostolics and Independents.

Dr. Royal L. Peck, founder and director of the Italian Bible Institute, was coordinator for the campaign and students from the school acted as counselors. Dr. Peck has returned to the United States after nearly five years in Italy and will travel extensively throughout the United States, presenting the work and program of Italy's only interdenominational Bible Institute. The Institute, under sponsorship of Greater Europe Mission, began last November in Spezia with a resident student body of ten students.

Two Colleges Announce Changes



Resignation of Dr. Edward John Carnell as president of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., has been announced by Dr. Harold John Ockenga, chairman of the board of trustees. Upon advice of his physician Dr. Carnell has been granted sabbatical leave until January 1960, at which time he will return to the seminary in his former position as professor of apologetics. Dr. Ockenga is to serve as acting president until Dr. Carnell's successor has been named.

Dr. C. Dorr Demaray has been selected to succeed Dr. C. Hoyt Watson as president of Seattle (Wash.) Pacific College. The new president, who has been pastor of Seattle's Free Methodist Church since 1948, is widely known as an educator, pastor, evangelist and speaker at camp meetings and youth conferences. He served from 1942 to 1948 as president of Los Angeles Pacific College. The retiring president was honored at a testimonial dinner by more than 800 guests.

MISSIONS

Correspondence Course Is "Girdling the Globe"

LOS ANGELES—The "Light of Life" correspondence school program instituted by Rev. Don Hillis of Orient Crusades, which has its headquarters here, enters its second decade this month.

In a bold effort to make disciples of many men by mail, Mr. Hillis, now home director for Latin America at Orient Crusades, introduced a series of twenty-four correspondence lessons on the life of Christ. First of these courses was based on the Gospel of John, printed in the Marathi language, and distributed in India. Now these courses have girdled the globe, enrolling more than a million men and women in study of the Scriptures. The initial 24-lesson course is in twenty-two languages in the India-Burma-Ceylon area. It is in twelve more in Africa. It reaches the Latin American Continent in the Spanish and Portuguese languages. The course is also being studied in Russian, Greek, Italian, French, Japanese, Thai, Ukrainian and Chinese. The Maori language of Australia is the latest addition to the list.

Among sponsors of the "Light of Life" course are The Evangelical Alliance, Oriental Missionary Society, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Sudan Interior Mission, World Gospel Crusades, Orient Crusades, the Presbyterians, Baptists and Dutch Reformed churches. The Back to the Bible organization is using the "Light of Life" lessons as a follow-up to its English broadcasts in the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India. They are also being used to follow up the twenty-six-station weekly Spanish language broadcast of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Christian Churches Hold 12th Missionary Meeting

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The Twelfth National Missionary Convention of independent Christian Churches or Churches of Christ will be held September 29-October 2 at the Fairgrounds here, it was announced by Ernest Laughlin, pastor of West Side Church of Christ which is serving as host to the gathering. The theme selected is "Missions for the Missile Age."

Missionaries are scheduled to speak at every session. R. LaVerne Morse, on furlough from Burma, will headline the opening night service speaking on "The Challenge of the Missile Age to the Church." Other speakers include Harold Sims of Tokyo, Japan, on "The Need of Nations in the Missile Age"; Glen Bourne of Bridgeport, Ill. (whose church gives half its income to missions) on "The Church's Answer to the Need of the Missile Age"; Bob Vernon of Christian TV Mission, at the closing session, on "The Promise of the Ages."

Morning sessions will feature ten-minute presentations by missionaries on furlough on the subject, "My Most Rewarding Experience on the Mission Field." Afternoons will be devoted to meetings of the missionaries and viewing slides and exhibits. Music will be provided by talent from the various church colleges.

Latin America Mission At America's Keswick

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica—Sixth Annual Conference of Latin America Mission will be held September 18-20 at Keswick Grove, N. J., according to announcement by Rev. Kenneth Strachan, director of LAM headquarters here.

The LAM program at America's Keswick, says Mr. Strachan, will include Dr. T. Roland Philips, outstanding pastor and conference speaker who, with Mrs. Philips, served as Bible expositor for Mission Meetings in Costa Rica; Rev. Kenneth G. Hood, LAM Home Director, and Rev. Lester J. Soerheide, LAM Deputation Secretary. Plans are being made to show the new film depicting the "partnership" concept of Mission activity in Latin America Mission.

Registration is to be sent to: America's Keswick, Keswick Grove, N. J.

INTER-CHURCH

ABS Announces 1959 Dates For Universal Bible Week

NEW YORK CITY—"The Everlasting Light" is the theme that has been chosen for the Worldwide Bible Reading program, sponsored each year by the American Bible Society from Thanksgiving to Christmas, according to Dr. James Z. Nettinga, director of the program. This is the sixteenth consecutive year for the reading program.

December 6 to 13 has been designated as Universal Bible Week so that all churches may celebrate the Bible's Day according to their church calendar. The week begins on the second Sunday in Advent and the high point is reached on Universal Bible Sunday, December 13.

Over fifty denominations have helped in the selection of the theme as well as a poster. Packets containing these features and other materials to help in the observance will be mailed early in the fall to pastors across the United States. The "Bookmarks" containing a suggested list of daily readings for the 31-day period,

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Ancient Greek New Testament To Be Revised and Published

NEW YORK—(EP)—The American Bible Society is cooperating in an international project to revise the earliest known translation of the Bible and prepare a new edition of the Greek New Testament. Dr. Eugene A. Nida, the society's secretary for translations, said the National Bible Society of Scotland and the Wuertemberg Bible Society of Germany are collaborating on the project.

The cooperative venture "marks the first time in the history of Christendom," he said, "when an international committee of scholars has been brought together to determine the most accurate possible text of the Greek New Testament." The proposed work will be prepared especially for scholars, students and translators. Dr. Nida said it "will incorporate much evidence never before available, present in separate volumes evidence and reasons for various readings, and include bibliography of the entire field of New Testament textual study."

Education

Christian Deans In Second Meeting

DETROIT—The second annual meeting of the Association of Christian Deans and Advisers of Men was held at Detroit Bible Institute here June 15-19, 1959, with twenty-two men, representing twenty institutions, in attendance.

This organization had its origin in the summer of 1955, when a number of men met at the invitation of Dean A. F. Broman, of Moody Bible Institute, for a seminar on problems related to the work of deans of men. The seminar met with such favor that it was continued each summer thereafter. Feeling the need of a more permanent organization, the men in 1957 drew up a provisional constitution and formed the Association of Christian Deans and Advisers of Men. The following summer at Fort Wayne Bible College the constitution and by-laws were finally approved and the permanent organization set up.

President of the Association is W. Howard Schoof, Dean of Students of Detroit Bible Institute; Vice-President, Cyril H. Eicher, Dean of Students, Fort Wayne Bible College; Secretary-Treasurer, J. Otis Braswell, Dean of Men, Columbia Bible College. The standing Committee on Trends consists of James B. Harr, Nyack Missionary College, chairman, Ed Boslough, Westmont College, and Amos N. Henry, Malone College. The Committee on Constitutional Revision includes John Van Puffelen, Appalachian Bible Institute, chairman, Charles Butram, Omaha Baptist Bible Institute, and Laurence A. Lufburrow, Philadelphia College of Bible.

The program this year consisted in reports of the Committee on Trends, and special study committees on Orientation and Discipline, in addition to several other papers. Guest speakers were Dr. Henry R. Brandt, Christian wide roster of well-known evangelical psychologist of Detroit and Dr. S. A. Witmer, executive director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

The Association voted to hold its next annual meeting at Southeastern Christian College, Winchester, Ky., in June 1960.

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Westminster Seminary Expands Graduate Study

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Lutheran Minister Suggests Religion-Medicine Research

PHILADELPHIA—At a three-day seminar on "Religion and Medicine" held recently at Lankenau Hospital here, Dr. Granger E. Westberg proposed a new realm of research for church-related hospitals.

As a professor in a relatively new Department of Religion and Health at the University of Chicago, Dr. Westberg, an Augustana Lutheran clergyman, urged hospitals to follow the path of the university and establish a facility to bring together doctors, psychiatrists, theologians, and even secular educators in a clinical setting to learn more about the three-fold elements of man. "Such professional teamwork," said Dr. Westberg, "will be greatly needed as the expanding population, growing mechanization and threat of the atom bomb bring more tensions and unhealthy outlooks that

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Readers Say—

"Evangelicals on Toes"

To the Editor:

In a follow-up of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism held in Indianapolis last year (see *Action* January 1959) we find that the National Association of Evangelicals was close behind the Elks in publicity on the meeting. Out of ninety-six magazines on the NAE mailing list, five denominations carried the picture of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and Dr. George L. Ford with some reference to the AAC.

Well, it was no surprise to me that the Evangelicals are on their toes, more than the average American in this fight against Communism. Your quotes from *Freedom's Facts* from time to time in *Action* do not go unnoticed in this office either.

MRS. VIVIAN BARNETT
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EVERETT BACHELDER
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Likes Book Number

To the Editor:

The Annual Book Number (May issue) is one of the best issues of *Action* magazine. This particular edition is really loaded and I must secure additional copies for use by our college chaplain, library, my own pastor and other friends.

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This magazine will be a key in the setting up of a new type Training Union program for our church. We feel that our denominational program is not meeting the needs of our people, and the pastor has asked me to present a new program. The various book lists in this month's *Action* will be at my right hand as I undertake this task.

ROBERT L. WENDT
Winston-Salem, N. C.

News Policy on City Revivals

To the Editor:

Is it the policy of your paper to print reports of community-wide revivals? I notice some of the reports I have sent in did not appear in the paper; or if they did I missed seeing them, and I do read the magazine regularly.

Would you please write and tell me whether or not you will print news reports of crusades I lead if I send the information to you. I have only been doing this community-wide type of work a little over a year but the Lord is opening the doors and blessing it in a wonderful way. Please let me know your policy about printing news stories on city-wide revivals.

LELAN AKINS
Evangelist
Tulsa, Okla.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: A letter has been sent to Evangelist Akins expressing our regret that *Action* magazine is compelled to limit itself chiefly to items of *national* import. We wish we had space to print stories of many worthy projects of community interest.]

Defends Dali's Work

To the Editor:

Among the items in your "This Present World" department (*Action*, June 1959) was a comment on Salvador Dali's painting.

The editor appeared to speak somewhat disparagingly about Dali's work. Has he ever studied Dali's *Christ of St. John of the Cross* or *The Sacrament of the Last Supper?* These are two of the most impressive, if unusual, representations of the crucifixion and communion service in past or contemporary art.

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[EDITOR'S NOTE: We are delighted to know that Mr. Anonymous reads *Action* magazine so carefully. However, due consideration was given to the important problem of correct spelling when Mr. Gill's page of "Capital Commentary" was made a regular feature of our journal. On consulting Webster's Unabridged Dictionary we confirmed the definition of "capital": "That city, town, or village from which any political division is governed; as, Washington is the *capital* of the United States." Our editors felt (and feel) that readers of *Action* are concerned not only with religious trends within the Capitol ("the edifice occupied by the Congress of the United States"—*Webster*), but also with the entire area of public affairs as they develop in our Nation's Capital. Thank you, Mr. Anonymous, for your interest.]

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contribute not only to mental illness, but also to our aging processes." Dr. Westberg said his suggestion was the logical sequence of clinical training begun recently in some universities and seminaries to orient clergy in approaches to the physically or mentally ill," and he added, "For centuries we have said that man consists of body, mind and spirit. Now we are saying that the three are so inter-related that problems of the mind and spirit can cause physical ills. Conversely, disease or accidents create mental and spiritual disturbance. When a person is sick the 'whole person' is likely to need help."

The conference was sponsored by the Board of Deaconess Work of the United Lutheran Church in America as part of a celebration commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of Lutheran deaconess work in the United States.

New Women's Dormitory Is Projected by College

HOLLAND, Mich.—Hope College, selected by the Chicago Tribune in a national survey as one of the ten leading coeducational colleges of the country, announced plans to build a new Women's Dormitory which will house 160 women in 80 double bedrooms.

This will be the beginning of an expansion program to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the College in 1966. This expansion program includes a new Library, addition to the Science Hall, a new Athletic Field, Art and Dramatic Building, other campus improvements and a million dollar increase in the Endowment funds according to Dr. Irwin J. Lubbers, President.

Hope College, according to Dr. Lubbers, has produced 672 ordained ministers and 170 missionaries. Among the alumni in the ministry have been a recent "Army Chaplain of the Year" and a "Navy Chaplain of the Year."

Radio-TV

400th Telecast Aired By West Coast Studio

LOS ANGELES—"Great Churches of the Golden West," which originated at Hollywood Presbyterian Church when Dr. Louis Evans was pastor there, celebrated its 400th telecast this summer in services at Westchester Methodist Church here. Dr. Evans gives the sermon and Dr. Clifton Moore, minister of radio and television at the church when the program originated, acts as narrator. Producer Moore is of the opinion that more than 200,000 viewers watch the program every week.

The Lutheran Hour Has Guest Speakers

ST. LOUIS—The Lutheran Hour microphones are being taken over this summer by three guest speakers: Rev. C. Thomas Spitz, Jr., director of Lutheran Hour operations; Rev. Elmer J. Koernschild, Lutheran Hour announcer and programming director, and Rev. Edward W. Wessling, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, Indiana.

First of the three 1959 summer guest speakers is Dr. Spitz, who is

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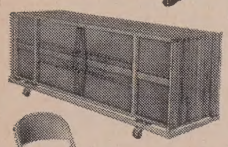

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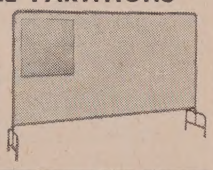

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in charge of the worldwide activities of "Bringing Christ to the Nations," and chairman of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Board for Missions in North and South America. In one of his guest talks he spoke on the topic, "Christ Wants You," which was the theme of the annual convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League, sponsor of the worldwide Gospel broadcast.

Dr. Oswald Hoffman, who is on a summer recess from his post as The Lutheran Hour speaker, will return to his international radio pulpit September 20, when the Gospel program known as "the largest non-government broadcasting operation in the world" will begin its twenty-seventh season on the air.

public affairs

Congress Revives Talk On Christian Amendment

WASHINGTON D. C.—(EP)—A total of nine congressmen have sponsored the well-worn "Christian Amendment" to the Constitution during this session of congress. So far, the amendment has not reached the Senate.

Under the so-called "Christian Amendment," the following statement would be added to the U. S. Constitution: "This nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of Nations, through whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God."

A number of Protestant and Jewish groups have criticized the amendment, including the General Board of the National Council of Churches which recently issued a statement that this amendment to the Constitution could lead to the denial of religious liberty to non-Christian Americans. While reaffirming its "support of religious freedom for all people," the General Board said the proposed amendment "would confuse the issues involved in the Church-State separation principle." It said adoption of the amendment "would strengthen the hands of those who desire financial and other privileges for Christian churches ready and able to secure them, such as support of school and welfare institutions, extended tax privileges for property, and enterprises under Christian names."

ASK DOCTOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association, will answer your questions on the Sunday School. Address him 542 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois. All communications will be answered but only such answers as may be of general interest will appear in this column.

We need some help with our opening exercises. They don't seem to be opening much. What do you suggest?

You could begin by changing the name. True that a rose by any other name smells the same, but names do carry stigmas and the term "opening exercise" seems to have a stigma. Some call it worship service. We prefer to call it an assembly. We think that it is in keeping with school.

Since you do not mention what department or whether all ages are together, we will suggest some principles applicable to all departments that we trust will help all departments and all assemblies.

There is an exception we ought to mention and that is the Nursery department and in some instances the Beginner department. These are planned more informally and for a longer period of time than the opening assembly for other departments.

A first principle is to start and stop on time. Get people used to this idea of punctuality of program, if not of people. Plan carefully for a specific amount of time just as if you were on the air and 15 or 20 minutes was all you had. It is amazing how much can be packed into 15 minutes when it is planned. It is unfair to teachers who have planned carefully if we run over the regular allotted time often. When we know it is going to be a special program and will take 5 to 10 minutes more, the teachers should be notified so they can plan accordingly.

Plan for variety. One of the commonest ailments of most programs is that it is the same old tune over and over again. Chart out themes for a year—52 Sundays. Then plan a quarter more carefully. Plan to emphasize missions, stewardship, and other important subjects regularly. Missions should be the theme at least once a month. Stewardship should be at least once a quarter. Ask teachers to join you for a brainstorming session or ideas. You will be amazed.

One last word. Use people, lots of people and different people.

The one in charge should keep things moving but not do it all himself. Have your people up front who are to participate, whether it is to pray, sing, or make an announcement. In the older departments have them on the platform ready to respond the moment called upon. Insist that all who take part are enthusiastic. Enthusiasm sells. We want to sell Sunday School and the opening assembly is a good place to start.

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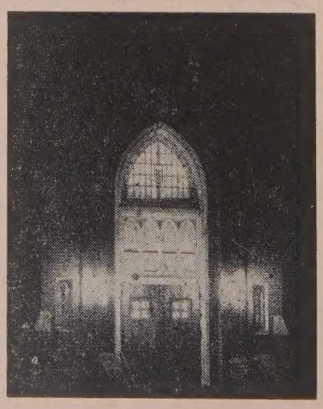

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The Fleming H. Revell Company has issued a group of paper-bound books for the pastor. Four of them constitute the beginning of a new series to be called Revell's Sermon Outline Series. These are in the conventional sermon book size, 5½ x 8½ inches, and are punched and perforated so they can be torn out and put into ring binders.

The titles are *Sermon Outlines on Great Bible Texts* by David W. Kerr; *Expository Sermon Outlines, Old and New Testaments* by Faris D. Whitesell; *Evangelistic Sermon Outlines* by Andrew W. McDermott, and *Sermon Outlines from Great Preachers* also by McDermott. The price is $1.00 each.

FOUR OTHER BOOKS in paper, but larger in size, are designed to aid the pastor in his administrative and pastoral work. These look like the first in a new series called Revell's Preaching and Pastoral Aid Series. *Keeping Your Church in the News* by W. Austin Brodie and *A Minister"s Obstacles* by Ralph G. Turnbull deal with the former subject and *Pastoral Problems* by W. B. Riley and *You Can Preach* by C. Ray Jordan with the latter. These are $1.25 and $1.75. By using paper covers more material can be included for the price.

BAKER BOOK HOUSE has issued two books of sermon outlines, *Fifty Sermon Outlines on the Way of Salvation* by Jeff D. Brown (105 pp., $1.00), and *Homiletic Outlines for Evangelistic, Revival, and Special Occasions* by Billy Apostolon (103 pp., $1.00).

THE EVANGELICAL TEACHER Training Association has issued two new manuals in their certificate course series: Unit VI, *Sunday School Success* by Clarence H. Benson, edited and revised by D. K. Reisinger (95 pp., $1.25) and Unit XI, *Vacation Bible School* by Mrs. Ruth A. Clark, edited by Mr. Reisinger (93 pp., $1.25).

Books Received

The New Testament, a Book-by-Book Survey. Mark G. Cambron. 472 pp. Zondervan. $5.95..

One might call this a homiletical survey of the New Testament books. The outlines are given at the beginning of each section and the exposition is developed in considerable detail with many headings and brief expansion. There is too much alliteration—it is carried consistently throughout the work—which means that the material is bound to be forced at points to conform to the pattern. In many cases, however, this device provides valid analyses of the text, which is rather delightful. There is not in this kind of treatment too much to which one will want to object doctrinally, but of course not everyone will follow all the interpretations.

God's River: Exposition of Bible Doctrines, Taking the Epistle to Romans as a Point of Departure. Vol. IV, Romans 5:1-11. Donald Grey Barnhouse. $3.50.

The amazing project begun by Dr. Barnhouse has reached this crucial watershed of the Epistle. The radio presentation of this material is now in its ninth year.

Programs for Young Adults; a Manual for Discussion Meetings. John H. Gerstner. 99 pp. Baker Book House. $1.50.

Twenty-one outlines covering a wide variety of subject matter by the professor of church history and government at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary.

Archaeology and the Pre-Christian Centuries. J. A. Thompson. 139 pp. Erdmans. $1.50.

The little-treated intertestamental period is illustrated here from excavations and cultural materials in such a way that one is unusually well prepared in background for the opening of the New Testament story. Dead Sea Scroll material has been used.

The King James Version Defended! Edward F. Hills. 158 pp. Christian Research Press, 5001 Hickman Rd., Des Moines, Iowa. No price listed.

It is unfortunate that this book was not handled by a standard publisher for it would probably have achieved a better circulation. It is a significant contribution to a surprisingly unsuspected emphasis. The author has high academic achievements.

Great Texts of the Bible. Edited by James Hastings. 21 vols. Eerdmans. $4.00 each; Set, $50.00.

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Beyond Conformity. W. Curry Mavis. 160 pp. Light and Life Press. $2.75.

The professor of pastoral work at Asbury Theological Seminary gives a rather succinct presentation of evangelical Christianity holding out the necessity of the new birth and growth in grace.

I Believe in Jesus Christ. Walter Russull Bowie. 80 pp. Abingdon. $1.25.

This is one in a series known as "Know Your Faith." Bowie is a Protestant Episcopal clergyman and professor, now retired. His treatment will disappoint those who have come to find a clearcut New Testament Christology based on a careful exegesis of the whole revelation.

Preaching the Resurrection; Twenty-two Great Easter Sermons. Alton M. Motter, editor. 186 pp. Muhlenberg. $2.25.

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PERSONALIA

Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today,* is one of three leading theologians to serve on the faculty for the 1959 Pensacola (Fla.) Theological Institute at its third annual session August 30-September 6 at McIlwain Memorial Church. The others are Prof. John Murray of Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and Dr. G. Aiken Taylor, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, La.

Earl N. O. Kulbeck, editor of *The Pentecostal Testimony,* national monthly magazine of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, was selected to be Royal Tour Press Photographer for the 1959 Royal Tour of Queen Eliazbeth.

Bernice Tucker Cory (Mrs. Victor E.), editor-in-chief of Scripture Press, Wheaton, Ill., was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature at the 1959 commencement of Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

John W. Behnken, 75-year-old church leader, was elected to a precedent-shattering ninth three-year term as president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod at the denomination's recent forty-fourth general convention. Earlier in the session a resolution to limit the tenure of the office of the presidency was overwhelmingly defeated by the delegates.

Malvin H. Lundeen, pastor of La Grange (Ill.) Grace Lutheran Church since 1954, was elected president of the Augustana Lutheran denomination at their one hundredth annual synod in Hartford, Conn., this summer.

Lloyd W. Dahlquist of Chicago has been named general secretary of The Baptist General Conference of America. "General Secretary" is the new title of the chief administrative officer of the Conference approved at its recent eightieth annual meeting in Plymouth, Mass.

M. E. Sadler, president of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex., has been appointed to a newly created post of chancellor. Dr. D. Ray Lindley, vice-president since 1953, was named president of the 86-year-old institution and will continue to handle administrative details of the school's operation.

Robert L. Borland, oral surgeon, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Union Rescue Mission, Skid Row rehabilitation center in Los Angeles, it was announced by URM President Hugh R. Murchison.

Gil Dodds, champion indoor miler of the 1940's known as the "Flying Parson," has resigned his coaching post at Wheaton (Ill.) College—a position he has held for the past fourteen years. He is to become guidance and counseling instructor at Naperville (Ill.) High School.

Melvin W. Luebke, headmaster and principal of the Lutheran School for the Deaf, Mill Neck, L. I., N. Y., sponsored jointly by the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, received The Valley Forge Classroom Teachers' Medal for 1959. The award was made by Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge.

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